

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-29 are currently pending in the application. Supplemental to Applicants' Amendment in Response to Non-Final Office Action, filed on May 24, 2006, claim 1 has been further amended.

Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to recite that isolated  $\alpha$ -keto reductase of claim 1 reduces 2-chlorophenyl glyoxylic acid but the dehydrogenase activity of an enzyme against either of the two optical isomers of 2-chloromandelic acid is no more than 20% taking the relative activity of the enzyme to reduce 2-chlorophenyl glyoxylic acid. Support for the amendments to claim 1 can be found, for example, at least at page 10, lines 2-6 of the specification as originally filed.

The foregoing claim amendments should in no way be construed as acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections, and have been made solely to expedite the prosecution of the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed or as previously pending, in this or in one or more separate applications. No new matter has been added.

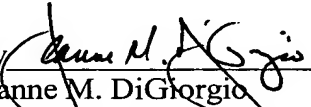
**SUMMARY**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (617) 227-7400.

Applicants believe no additional fees are due with this response. However, if additional fees are due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. SHZ-015 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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